

# PUBLIC LANDS ENEMY #9



## Rep. Raúl Labrador (R-Idaho)

Sponsored Bills: 8; Cosponsored Bills: 15;

Total Possible Bills: 84

U.S. House of Representatives (2011-Present),

Idaho's 1<sup>st</sup> District

Member, Committee on Natural Resources

Chairman, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Member, Subcommittee on Federal Lands

Member, Federal Land Action Group

Raúl Labrador, the four-term Representative of Idaho's 1<sup>st</sup> district, sponsored or cosponsored 23 of 84 anti-public lands bills, earning him the rank of Public Lands Enemy #9. As a member of the House Committee on Natural Resources and a member of key subcommittees that oversee public lands issues and fossil fuel extraction, Congressman Labrador has significant influence over what happens on our public lands. Labrador is also a member of the Federal Land Action Group, a congressional group dedicated to using legislation to dismantle and hand over America's public lands to states for privatization and extraction.

Between 2011 and 2016, Labrador sponsored three bills — [H.R. 6009](#) (2012), [H.R. 1294](#) (2013), [H.R. 2316](#) (2015) — that allow for carving out “community forest demonstration areas” as large as 4 million acres from national forests. Management of these areas would be handed over to advisory committees that are selected by the states. He also introduced [H.R. 4234](#) (2012) and [H.R. 657](#) (2013), which undermine regulations on livestock grazing on federal land by making grazing leases last for 20 years rather than 10 and categorically exclude decisions on granting grazing permits from analysis of environmental harm and public input under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Labrador's allegiance lies with the logging and livestock industries. Over his career those industries both have been [top ten](#) supporters for Labrador. The agribusiness sector as a whole, his second largest campaign donor, has given him [\\$302,599](#).

Labrador's district, which he won by a more than two-to-one margin in 2016, includes the Idaho panhandle, which has a [disturbing history of neo-Nazism and white-supremacy](#) and is [one of the epicenters of the American Redoubt movement](#), which seeks to create a haven for ultra-conservative, Christian, libertarian doomsdayers. This group fits squarely into the so-called “patriot movement,” the most vocal and visual faction pushing for federal lands to be handed over to the states. In 2016 Labrador sided with the most well-known members of the patriot movement, the Bundy family and their militia supporters, calling the 2016 armed occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge occupation a [“peaceful takeover”](#) and an act of “civil disobedience.”<sup>30</sup>

In 2016 Tree Top Ranches, a mega-ranch owned by [former timber magnate](#) Larry Williams, tied for Labrador's biggest campaign donor. The ranch's management also [sympathized with the Malheur occupation](#).

<sup>30</sup> <http://talkingpointsmemo.com/livewire/raul-labrador-civil-disobediance-bundy-oregon>

## Anti-Public Lands Bills Sponsored or Cosponsored by Labrador:

Bill Type	Sponsored	Cosponsored
<b>Land Seizure</b> Sale of Western Land ( <a href="#">H.R. 1126</a> ) Public Lands Sale for “Recreation” ( <a href="#">H.R. 5836</a> )		X X
<b>Private/County/State Control of Public Lands</b> Community Forest Demo Areas ( <a href="#">H.R. 6009</a> ) Community Forest Demo Areas ( <a href="#">H.R. 1294</a> ) Community Forest Demo Areas ( <a href="#">H.R. 2316</a> ) State Beetle Kill Logging Projects ( <a href="#">H.R. 695</a> ) State Beetle Kill Timber Projects ( <a href="#">H.R. 818</a> ) State Beetle Kill Timber Projects ( <a href="#">H.R. 6089</a> )	X X X	X X X
<b>Weakening Federal Protections</b> Weakens Grazing Management ( <a href="#">H.R. 4234</a> ) Weakens Grazing Management ( <a href="#">H.R. 657</a> ) Remove Wilderness Management ( <a href="#">H.R. 1581</a> ) Logging Priority on Forests ( <a href="#">H.R. 2178</a> ) End BLM/USFS Law Enforcement ( <a href="#">H.R. 4751</a> ) Border Patrol Free Reign ( <a href="#">H.R. 2398</a> ) Sage Grouse is Not Endangered ( <a href="#">H.R. 4739</a> )	X X	X X X X X
<b>No More Parks, Monuments, Refuges</b> No New Monuments in Idaho ( <a href="#">H.R. 846</a> ) No New Monuments in Idaho ( <a href="#">H.R. 1439</a> ) Local Monument Approval ( <a href="#">H.R. 900</a> ) Limiting New Monuments ( <a href="#">H.R. 3946</a> ) Local Monument Nullification ( <a href="#">H.R. 2258</a> ) New Monument Nullification ( <a href="#">H.R. 2192</a> ) No New Monuments ( <a href="#">H.R. 302</a> ) No New Monuments [ <a href="#">H.R. 758</a> (2011)]	X X X	X X X X X

## Campaign Contributors ([2016 Election](#), as of December 2016, source: Center for Responsive Politics):

- Oil & Gas Industry:
  - \$13,900
- Agribusiness Sector<sup>31</sup>:
  - \$50,300
- Energy & Natural Resources Sector:
  - \$40,600
- Major Funders (in Labrador’s Top 100 Contributors, 2016 Election):
  - **Oil & Gas:** Sinclair Companies (\$5,400), MDU Resources Group (\$3,750), Alta Mesa Resources (\$2,000), Western Energy Alliance (\$2,000), Williams Companies (\$2,000)
  - **Grazing:** Tree Top Ranches (\$10,800), National Cattleman’s Beef Assn. (\$8,000), Agri Beef (\$6,200)
  - **Mining:** Coeur Mining (\$5,000), Hecla Mining (\$1,000)
  - **Conglomerates:** Koch Industries (\$10,000), Berkshire Hathaway (\$9,500)
  - **Logging:** Idaho Forest Group (\$3,000), Bennett Lumber Products (\$2,000)
  - **Agribusiness:** Monsanto Co. (\$1,000)

## League of Conservation Voters National Environmental Scorecard:

[Lifetime](#): 6 percent